



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.7

Subject:	TENNderCARE Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Standards (EPSDT)	
Procedure Change Notice:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ New Section B: Initial Health Screening to be completed within 72hrs of custody◆ TENNderCare language removed◆ Forms/Glossary Section: Addition of CS-XXXX, EPSDT Screening Report (pending) and CS-XXXX, Initial Health Screening Report (pending) & definition of Qualified Medical Practitioner	Revised: 12/20/16
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105(3); 37-5-106	
Standards:	ACA: 4-JCF-4C-03 ; DCS Practice Standards: 7-106 A, 7-108 B, 7-109 B, 7-111 B, 7-113 C, 7-120-C, and 8-306; COA: PA-FKC 10.01, PA-FKC 10.01-10.04; PA-AS 2.	
Application:	All DCS Staff and Contract Providers	
Policy Statement:		
All children/youth in DCS custody shall receive timely and appropriate health care services. Health screenings as children enter custody identify immediate medical, urgent mental health or dental needs and any health condition of which DCS should be aware. EPSDT is the gateway through which DCS can access services to meet the physical and emotional health care needs of children and youth in DCS custody.		
Purpose:		
Many children/youth in the foster care system have multiple and complex medical, mental health, and developmental needs. Providing a range of preventative and therapeutic health care services supports the overall development and well-being of children/youth in foster care and increases their ability to find permanence and to grow to become healthy adults.		
Procedures:		
A. EPSDT/TENNderCARE defined	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) is the Federal Medicaid (TennCare) program intended to provide preventive health care for children/youth enrolled in a state Medicaid program.2. DCS coordinates EPSDT services for all children in care, including those that are not TennCare eligible.	

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B. 72 hour Initial Health Screening	<p>Within 72 hours of entry into custody, children will receive either an EPSDT screening or an Initial Health screening from a qualified medical practitioner to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify health conditions that require immediate or prompt medical attention; and 2. Identify health conditions that will be considered in making placement decisions.
B.C. EPSDT screening guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An EPSDT screening consists of seven components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comprehensive health and developmental history b) Comprehensive unclothed physical exam c) Age-appropriate immunization d) Age-appropriate lab tests e) Health education f) Vision screen g) Hearing screen 2. EPSDT screenings are completed according to the periodicity schedule established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Screenings are completed annually for children/youth age 3 years and older and more frequently for children under the age of 3 years. (Refer to Section E,3,b of the <u>Protocol for TENNderCARE Initial and Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Standards</u>)
C. D. EPSDT Diagnosis and treatment standards	All medically necessary diagnosis and treatment services are coordinated for children/youth in DCS custody.
D. E. Documentation of EPSDT services	All EPSDT services are documented in TFACTS .

Forms:	<p><i>Forms listed below are necessary for completion of EPSDT documentation</i></p> <p><u>CS-0543, Well-Being Information and History</u></p> <p><u>CS-0708, EPSDT Physical Examination</u></p> <p><u>CS-0689, Health Services Confirmation and Follow Up Notification</u></p> <p><u>CS-0206, Authorization for Routine Health Services for Minors</u></p> <p>CS-XXXX, EPSDT Screening Report (pending)</p> <p>CS-XXXX, Initial Health Screening Report (pending)</p>
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Collateral documents:	<u>Protocol for TENNderCARE Initial and Early Periodic Screening and Treatment Standards</u>
Glossary:	
Qualified Medical Practitioner:	A physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.